

Sl. No.	State/UTs	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 P	2000-2001 P
30.	Delhi	266	290	290	306
31.	Lakshadweep	1	1	1	1
32.	Pondicherry	36	36	36	36
ALL INDIA:		71937	75181	78119	81000

P: Provisional.

#### Potato Production in U.P.

\*507. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that potato production in Uttar Pradesh is facing glut for the last three-four years and farmers have suffered heavily in financial terms; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far or are proposed to be taken, to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The estimated production of potato in U.P. has been higher in last 3 years compared to 1997-98 but no glut is reported in the current year. However, prevailing price is reported lower due to higher production.

(b) The Market Intervention Scheme is implemented for procurement of horticultural items of importance when their prices tend to fall below economic levels on the formal request of concerned State Governments, if the State Government is willing to share 50% of the losses, if any, incurred in the procurement process.

#### Additional funds for sewage/common treatment plant in Delhi

\*509. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:  
SHRI K. KALAVENKATARAO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Yamuna is still being polluted in Delhi as sewage treatment plants have not been constructed for treatment of effluents from 19 major drains;

(b) whether the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation is